DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES

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To: All County Welfare Directors

Letter No. 83-57

1983/84 MAINTENANCE NEED LEVELS

This letter provides you with revised Medically Needy maintenance need levels, which are effective retroactively to July 1, 1983.

You may be aware that AB 223, the Governor's Budget Trailer Bill, impacted the maintenance need standards in several areas as follows:

1. The maintenance need level for a single individual shall be 80 percent of the AFDC payment level for two multiplied by 133 1/3 percent.

2. The legislation requires that the maintenance need level for two adults be set at 133 1/3 percent of the AFDC payment level for three, but the level for other families of two shall be 133 1/3 percent of the AFDC payment level for two. The Department is attempting to resolve potential problems relating to this new provision. Therefore, we will not implement the separate standard for two adults at this time.

    When recomputing two-person cases, use the maintenance need level for two included in the attachment. However, it is important that all cases of two adults are flagged during the revision process in the event it becomes necessary to institute the higher maintenance need.

3. Maintenance need levels will not be lower for households in which a public assistance or other public assistance family member resides.

Please direct any questions to Gerry Senini, Medi-Cal Program Consultant, at (916) 445-1797.

Sincerely,

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Caroline Cabias, Chief
Eligibility Branch

Attachment

cc: Medi-Cal Liaisons
     Medi-Cal Program Consultants

MAINTENANCE NEED LEVELS EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1983

Number of Persons in MFBU	Maintenance Need
1 person in all situations	$ 459
2 persons	$ 567
3 persons	$ 709
4 persons	$ 834
5 persons	$ 959
6 persons	$1,075
7 persons	$1,175
8 persons	$1,284
9 persons	$1,384
10 persons	$1,492

For each additional person add $9.

The maintenance need level for persons in long-term care remains at $25.